United States Bankruptcy Court Central District of California Los Angeles Judge Neil Bason, Presiding Courtroom 1545 Calendar

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Chapter 13: Persons needing to contact the Chapter 13 Trustee's attorney, either prior to the hearing or during a recess, can call Kaleen Murphy, Esq. at (213) 996-4433.

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Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

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2:17-23489 Juan Coria

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#1.00 Hrg re: Motion under Local Bankruptcy Rule 3015-1 (n) and (w) to modify plan or suspend plan payments

Docket 60

Tentative Ruling:

<u>Appearances required</u>, absent either (1) an agreement with the Chapter 13 Trustee's office to further continue this matter or (2) withdrawal of the motion. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address the issues raised by the Chapter 13 Trustee (dkt. 62).

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Juan Coria Represented By

Jaime A Cuevas Jr.

Trustee(s):

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2:16-25599 Angel Aguilar and Celia Aguilar

Chapter 13

#2.00 Hrg re: Motion to excuse the joint debtor from completing an application for entry of discharge

Docket 77

Tentative Ruling:

Grant.

<u>Proposed order(s)</u>: Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the foregoing matter(s) via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

<u>Appearances are not required</u>. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at <u>www.cacb.uscourts.gov</u>, then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Angel Aguilar Represented By

Rebecca Tomilowitz

Joint Debtor(s):

Celia Aguilar Represented By

Rebecca Tomilowitz

Trustee(s):

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2:18-21206 Vera Ann Hollis-Wilson

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#3.00 Hrg re: Application of attorney for debtor for additional fees and related expenses in pending chapter 13 case

Docket 59

Tentative Ruling:

Appearances required.

There is no tentative ruling. Applicant is directed to appear to address the issues raised in the Order setting this matter for hearing and the declaration in response. See dkt. 62, p. 2, para. "(5)" and 65.

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Vera Ann Hollis-Wilson Represented By

D Justin Harelik

Trustee(s):

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2:21-17351 Jose Franco De La Torre

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#4.00 Hrg re: Objection to Claim Number 2 by Claimant Cavalry SPV I, LLC.

Docket 22

Tentative Ruling:

Grant.

<u>Proposed order(s)</u>: Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the foregoing matter(s) via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

<u>Appearances are not required</u>. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at <u>www.cacb.uscourts.gov</u>, then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jose Franco De La Torre Represented By

D Justin Harelik

Trustee(s):

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2:21-17351 Jose Franco De La Torre

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#5.00 Hrg re: Objection to Claim Number 3 by Claimant Cavalry SPV I, LLC.

Docket 23

Tentative Ruling:

Grant.

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<u>Appearances are not required</u>. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at <u>www.cacb.uscourts.gov</u>, then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jose Franco De La Torre Represented By

D Justin Harelik

Trustee(s):

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#6.00 Hrg re: Objection to Claim Number 4

by Claimant Cavalry SPV I, LLC.

Docket 24

*** VACATED *** REASON: Voluntary Dismissal of motion filed 12-3-21

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jose Franco De La Torre Represented By

D Justin Harelik

Trustee(s):

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#7.00 Hrg re: Objection to Claim Number 4 by Claimant Cavalry SPV I, LLC.

Docket 33

Tentative Ruling:

Grant.

<u>Proposed order(s)</u>: Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the foregoing matter(s) via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

<u>Appearances are not required</u>. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at <u>www.cacb.uscourts.gov</u>, then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jose Franco De La Torre Represented By

D Justin Harelik

Trustee(s):

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2:21-17351 Jose Franco De La Torre

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#8.00 Hrg re: Objection to Claim Number 5 by Claimant Cavalry SPV I, LLC.

Docket 25

Tentative Ruling:

Grant.

<u>Proposed order(s)</u>: Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the foregoing matter(s) via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

<u>Appearances are not required</u>. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at <u>www.cacb.uscourts.gov</u>, then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jose Franco De La Torre Represented By

D Justin Harelik

Trustee(s):

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2:21-17134 Francisco Lee Sumandal

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#9.00 Hrg re: Omnibus objection to proof of claims filed by LVNV Funding, LLC [Claim no. #1, #2 and #10]

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Tentative Ruling:

Continue to 2/10/22 at 8:30 a.m. to address the following issues.

Appearances are not required on 1/13/22. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at www.cacb.uscourts.gov, then search for "tentative rulings.")

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for <u>all</u> matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Reason(s) for continuance:

<u>Lack of cost/benefit analysis</u>. The posted Procedures of Judge Bason (available at www.cacb.uscourts.gov) provide:

§ 502: claim objections & cost/benefit analysis. When objecting to claims, be sure to include an analysis of why the costs of preparing and litigating the claim objection (administrative expenses) do not exceed the anticipated benefits (reductions in claims). For example, if the claim at issue is a dischargeable nonpriority claim, and the anticipated dividend is small or 0%, then (a) the attorney fees incurred in prosecuting an objection probably will exceed the benefit to the bankruptcy estate/creditors, (b) Debtor typically is harmed by replacing a (dischargeable) general unsecured claim with an administrative expense, and (c) only the lawyer benefits (at the expense of both creditors and Debtor).

No later than 7 days after the date of this hearing the movant must file either:

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- (1) <u>a supplemental declaration</u> explaining why the attorney fees for this objection are justified (including supporting evidence, such as a copy of the plan showing the projected dividend to the claimant, and a calculation comparing that projected dividend against the attorney fees related to this claim objection), or
 - (2) a withdrawal of the claim objection.

No fees on this matter, absent specific authorization. Counsel is directed not to charge any fees on this matter (including all past, present and future work related to this claim objection), and to return any fees received on this matter, unless and until this Court expressly finds: "Counsel has provided a cost/benefit analysis that is sufficient for purposes of the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason regarding claim objections." It is counsel's responsibility to include the quoted phrase, if warranted, in the proposed order on this claim objection.

This Court does not have the capacity to monitor all fee applications to assure compliance with the foregoing limitation on fees. But if counsel is found to have disregarded this limitation then this Court may impose sanctions.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Francisco Lee Sumandal Represented By

Elena Steers

Trustee(s):

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2:20-18003 Yolanda Espinosa

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Cont'd hrg re: Objection to Proof of Claim #8 filed by Bank of America, N.A. fr. 1/21/21, 03/18/21, 5/20/21, 07/22/21, 9/9/21, 11/4/21

Docket 23

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative Ruling for 1/13/22:

Appearances required.

This matter has been continued multiple times, for almost a year, since 1/21/21. At the hearing on 11/4/21 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter yet again, based on an alleged settlement by the parties, but the docket does not reflect any motion to approve a settlement or other documents resolving this matter or the associated adversary proceeding (Adv. No. 2:21-ap-1183-NB). The parties are directed to address the current status, and what disposition of this matter is appropriate.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for <u>all</u> matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Tentative Ruling for 11/4/21:

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 9/9/21, this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to this date to allow the parties to discuss Debtor's proposed plan. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address the status of their dispute resolution and, if no progress has been made, whether this Court should continue this matter in order for the adversary proceeding (Adv. No. 2:21-ap-01183-NB) to resolve the parties' disputes. In addition, the tentative ruling is to set a **deadline of 11/18/21** for Debtor's counsel to file a declaration with a cost/benefit analysis.

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[INTERIM TENTATIVE RULINGS OMITTED]

Tentative Ruling for 1/21/21:

Continue to 3/18/21 at 8:30 a.m. so that claimant can commence its contemplated adversary proceeding or the parties can reach a consensual resolution. Counsel for Debtor is cautioned about the need to exercise reasonable judgment in how much to expend in paying attorney fees instead of paying creditors. Appearances are not required on 1/21/21.

(1) Reasons for continuance

This Court has reviewed Debtor's motion (dkt. 23), the claimant's oppostion (dkt. 30), and Debtor's reply (dkt. 31). Although Debtor's reply argues that the claimant has not cited authority, that puts the cart before the horse. Debtor is the objecting party and Debtor has not cited any authority that a deed of trust on real property is void or unenforceable as a matter of law when it includes the correct street address and a conflicting legal description for a particular parcel.

Alternatively, even if Debtor did not need to cite any such authority (which is incorrect), this Court's understanding of California law is contrary to Debtor's position. Based on unrelated litigation before this Court, the general rule appears to be that a transfer of an interest in property "is not void for uncertainty because of errors or inconsistency in some of the particulars of the description" if it is possible "from the whole description to ascertain and identify the land intended to be conveyed." *Gyurec v. Bank of New York Trust Co., NA* (Cal. Ct. App., 4th Dist., 2014) (unpublished, Case No. No. G050083) (quoting *Leonard v. Osburn,* 169 Cal. 157, 160 (1915)) (correct street address sufficient for deed of trust's validity, even though it incorrectly described property as located in "Township 4 North" instead of Township 4 South"). *See also* Cal. Code Civ. P. 2077 ("Where there are certain definite and ascertained particulars in the description, the addition of others which are indefinite, unknown, or false, does not frustrate the conveyance, but it is to be

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construed by the first mentioned particulars.").

Based on the foregoing, it appears appropriate to continue this hearing for the parties either to litigate the issue or, perhaps, agree to a consensual resolution.

(2) Expenditure of funds on attorney fees

Given the apparent principles of California law (summarized above), Debtor's counsel is reminded of the need to do a cost/benefit analysis in determining whether it is worth expending funds on attorney fees that otherwise would go to pay creditors. Debtor's counsel is reminded that the posted "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at www.cacb.uscourts.gov) state:

§ 502: claim objections & cost/benefit analysis. When objecting to claims, be sure to include an analysis of whether the costs of preparing and litigating the claim objection (administrative expenses) do not exceed the anticipated benefits (reductions in claims). For example, if the anticipated dividend is small or 0% then the attorney fees incurred in prosecuting your claim objection to any general unsecured claim probably will exceed the benefit to the bankruptcy estate/debtor, so filing that objection would be a waste of the bankruptcy estate's (and everyone else's) resources (unless, for example, the claim is nondischargeable, in which event the attorney fees might well be justified).

Debtor's claim objection does not include any cost/benefit analysis. If Debtor decides to continue with the claim objection, this Court will set a deadline at a future hearing for Debtor's counsel to file a cost/benefit declaration.

If appearances are <u>not</u> required at the start of this tentative ruling but you wish to dispute the tentative ruling, or for further explanation of "appearances required/are not required," please see Judge Bason's Procedures (posted at www.cacb.uscourts.gov) then search for "tentative rulings." If appearances are required, and you fail to appear without adequately resolving this matter by consent, then you may waive your right to be heard on matters that are appropriate for disposition at this hearing. Pursuant to Judge Bason's COVID-19 procedures, all appearances are via ZoomGov. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see the tentative ruling for the

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first matter on today's calendar (*i.e.*, page 1 of the posted tentative rulings). Unless otherwise stated, appearances via CourtCall are no longer permitted.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Yolanda Espinosa Represented By

Barry E Borowitz

Movant(s):

Yolanda Espinosa Represented By

Barry E Borowitz

Trustee(s):

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2:20-11579 Patricia Maldonado Garcia

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#11.00 Cont'd hrg re: Debtor's Motion for

Voluntary Dismissal of Chapter 13 Case

fr. 12/9/21

Docket 32

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative Ruling for 1/13/22:

Grant in part and deny in part Debtor's request for dismissal of this case, as follows: grant Debtor a hardship discharge (pursuant to Debtor's request at dkt. 37) and then close (not dismiss) this bankruptcy case.

<u>Proposed order(s)</u>: Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the foregoing matter(s) via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's final ruling.

<u>Appearances are not required</u>. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at www.cacb.uscourts.gov, then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Tentative Ruling for 12/9/21:

<u>Appearances required</u>. The tentative ruling, subject to any objection by the Chapter 13 Trustee or other party in interest at today's hearing, is to **continue this hearing to 1/13/22 at 8:30 a.m.**, with a **deadline of 12/14/21** for Debtor to serve the following documents on all creditors via U.S. mail, and file a proof of service:

(1) Debtor's response (dkt. 37) to this Court's Order (dkt. 34), in which Debtor requests a "hardship discharge" under 11 U.S.C.

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(2) a notice of (a) the continued hearing, (b) a deadline of 12/28/21 for any opposition to the hardship discharge, and (c) a deadline of 1/6/22 for any reply.

Based on Debtor's response (dkt. 37), this Court anticipates that its tentative ruling for that continued hearing will be to grant a hardship discharge.

If you are making an appearance, note that hearings are now simultaneously (1) in person in the courtroom, (2) via ZoomGov video, and (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for <u>all</u> matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Patricia Maldonado Garcia Represented By

Daniel King

Trustee(s):

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#1.00 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE CHAPTER 13 HEARINGS at 11:00 AM CAN BE VIEWED ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE (www.cacb.uscourts.gov) UNDER: JUDGES>BASON, N.>CHAPTER 13

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Tentative Ruling:

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